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DURING VACUUM FLUCTUATION
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**STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified case.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

The references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report for the counterpart International Application No. PCT/US01/13008 to U.S. Patent 6,323,497. A copy of the Search Report is attached for the Examiner's information.

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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*a copy of this reference is not provided as it was previously cited by or submitted to the office in a prior application, Serial No. 09/586,492, filed 6/2/2000, and relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. 120 (continuation, continuation-in-part, and divisional applications).

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